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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: A. HEIKKINEN, et al  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SPEECH CODING WITH  
VOICED/UNVOICED DETERMINATION  
Group: Not yet assigned  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 21, 2000

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 11, line 4, delete "What is claimed is".

IN THE CLAIMS

Page 12, line 1, insert | What is claimed is:--.

~~Please amend claims 4, 5, 7, 8 and 11 as follows:~~

4. (Amended) A method of [any preceding] claim 1,

wherein said step of making a decision is based on whether the  
values relating to the voicing of substantially half of the